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Attention Seniors! Sign up in the cafeteria this week to have photographs made for the yearbook.

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Alumni Affairs is sponsoring a senior picnic on Friday, May 3 at 6:30 P.M. at the Lakefront.

Graduation is Saturday, May 4 at 1:30 P.M. in the Bowman Activities Center.

Saint Leo campus takes coffee break

By Nancy Weil
Times Staff Writer

Saint Leo - Jose Padilla was hanging around his dorm at Saint Leo College on Friday with some friends when he felt a familiar late-night sensation.

"I get a little scratch in my stomach, so I'm needing to get some food," said Padilla, 21.

A few weeks ago, his options would have been campus vending machines or a trek to the convenience store. These days, as long as the scratch happens before 2 a.m., Padilla can have a slice of fresh cheesecake instead.

He heads to the Nightly Grind Coffeehouse on the bottom floor of Saint Francis Hall, open 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week and already a huge hit with students, faculty and staff.

Operated entirely by students, the idea for the Nightly Grind emerged from discussions Maureen Powers started with students not long after she took over as vice president for student affairs last August. And though it might seem merely a nice coffeehouse, a good gathering spot for students, its opening on campus carries for more significance.

The College President and board of trustees have long wanted to prove to students that they come first, Powers said. Even though that ought to be obvious at a college, this fact is lost amid the daily shuffle.

"The critical issue for us is that students come first and this is one more way that we can keep them happy and satisfied so that they can be really successful," said Powers, who admits to spending a fair amount of time at the coffeehouse herself because, of course, she has to see how things are running.

One room is decorated like a comfortable den, with soft leather couches and a chaise lounge that seems to be getting a lot of use, including as an emerging popular spot for between-class naps. A larger, more open area has one long wall lined with individual study tables with lamps and outlets for laptop computers.

The coffeehouse was artfully converted from chopped-up, unused office space by the college's plant operations workers, whom Powers said took the project to heart, creating archways and other touches that blend with the campus' Spanish architecture.

Today, a computer room is expected to open at the coffeehouse and students will have Internet access. The coffeehouse offers the usual assortment of coffeehouse fare - cappuccino, espresso, late, six flavors of coffee, regular cheesecake, turtle cheesecake, fat-free cakes and nearly 20 flavors of soft drinks or juice.

Entertainment will be added soon several nights weekly and kicks off with readings by writer John Dufresne, whose second novel *Louisiana Power and Light* is out in paperback and whose third has just been sold. A good friend of Powers, Dufresne will be at the coffeehouse at 9p.m. Sunday April 1.

Kari Knowles, 22, and Julie Becker, 21, don't need entertainment to lure them in the coffee and camaraderie do nicely.

Knowles confesses to spending "embarrassingly large amounts of time" at the coffeehouse.

Taking a break, student manager Eric Anderson, 23, said of Knowles and Becker, "I thought they worked here."

While they do not, the coffeehouse, which is not intended to make a profit but to break even, has created 28 campus jobs.

Tracy Kalafut, 20, doesn't work there either, but Anderson could just as easily mistake her for someone on his payroll.

"I spend a lot of time down here," she said. "They have newspapers from all over the world that the library doesn't have."

Beverly Baehr, Director of Career Services, spent part of her Friday night sipping java and chatting with Powers and students. Baehr enjoys the chance to break free of her office and relax in a place that reminds her what her work is about.

"I really was thinking how nice it is in the middle of the day, when we've had a hectic day, to just come over here for a break and get with the students," she said.

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Saint Leo welcomes Dr. Marilyn Ellis

by Mark Kane

Upon entering the office of Dr. Marilyn Ellis, Saint Leo's new Director of Counseling Services, you will spot a sign on the door that reads: "Insanity is doing things over and over again and expecting different results!" This simple and somewhat funny slogan compromises Dr. Ellis's belief of what is the job of a counselor. She believes a counselor's job is to *help* a person solve a problem not necessarily solve the problem for the person.

Dr. Ellis came to Saint Leo in January from schools such as The University of South Dakota and the University of Maine where she served on the faculty and held teaching positions. What attracted her to Saint Leo the most is, as she puts it, the strong Student Affairs department, especially Dr. Maureen Powers. Dr. Ellis greatly admires Dr. Powers' strong dedication to students.

Dr. Ellis works in correlation with Chris Yarnold, who manages the substance abuse program. Aside from her individual counseling sessions (Dr. Ellis estimates she coordinates eight a week.), she also runs programs which cover topics such as anger and time management. Dr. Ellis has noticed that there are a surprising number of depressed students on campus. These students could learn a lot from the seminars that she holds focusing on stress management and the development of conflict resolution skills, because "What we think determines what we feel."

Dr. Ellis has also noticed that the students of Saint Leo College share a unique bond which is much stronger than the norm.

Photo of Dr. Ellis by Justin Godfrey

Author reads at coffeehouse

John Dufresne, author of *The Way That Water Enters Stone* and *Louisiana Power and Light*, read a series of selections from his original works for Saint Leo students, faculty, and staff in the newly operational Nightly Grind Coffeehouse. The readings were on Sunday, March 31 and Monday, April 1 at 9p.m.

The reading was sponsered by Sigma Tau Delta, English Honor Society, and The Nightly Grind. Future speakers are planned.

Before leaving on summer vacation

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Theater reduced to rubble

By Tiffany Anderson
Tribune Staff Writer

SAINT LEO – Administrators are attempting to drum up enough money to build a multimillion-dollar theater at Saint Leo College.

The old theater is being razed after rain caused $100,000 worth of electrical damage about a month ago.

The building, constructed in 1943 as a gymnasium, is near the school's entrance off State Road 52 and should be completely demolished by the end of next week.

Administrators hope that through community contributions and corporate gifts, they can collect the $5 million to $7 million needed to construct a new theater.

"Our master plan calls for that to be a tentative site for a fine arts complex," said John Weicherding, Saint Leo's vice president for business affairs. He said concrete plans to build on the site of the old theater haven't been made.

"We're hoping that we can get a donor or donors to help us build a suitable theater that would be helpful to the campus and the community," he said.

The school administration made plans more than eight years ago to eventually destroy 20,000 square-foot building because it contained asbestos and had inadequate ventilation and air conditioning.

Asbestos fibers are believed to cause cancer and, if breathed in, can become embedded in the lungs or abdomen and cause asbestosis, a condition marked by shortness of breath.

Last month, rain leaked inside the building and caused the wiring to short-circuit and explode.

At the time, Saint Leo officials were in the process of vacating the building. One faculty member's office and the ROTC department were located there.

The new theater is only in the conceptional stages. But if the project is completed as envisioned, it would include not only a theater but also art, dance and music studios, and several classrooms, Weicherding said.

The central part of the structure would be built first, he said, and other parts could be added later.

The academic staff hasn't determined whether building a roomier facility would allow the school to reinstitute its dance and theater program, which ended two years ago, he added.

Until that time, the old theater housed student productions and community plays.

This would be the school's largest construction project since it spent $3 million building a new dormitory and renovating other student housing four years ago.

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A Freshman's Perspective

by Mark Kane

Yes, I'm a Freshman. This past year has been unique, to say the least. At times I found it confusing and at others very rewarding. Now, as I am about to conclude my first year at Saint Leo College, I look ahead to my remaining three years here with great expectations. Wait! Something just hit me, I'm going to be here forever! If I were an optimist, I would look at my situation and say, "Well, I'm 1/4th of the way done!" Well, I'm not an optimist, and we'll leave it at that.

Other than two things, Orientation and yesterday, my college experience is pretty much a blur. I remember Orientation well. Orientation is an old Germanic word meaning a way to tire people out so they are too exhausted to get into any trouble.

Twenty-four hours after we got here, we were put on busses and taken to the USF psychiatric hospital (What a first impression!) where we got to participate in various entertaining activities. Some of these were falling off stages into crowds of people we barely knew (It was called *The Trustfall*), being thrown over volleyball nets by our new classmates, and getting to hurl plastic feet and arms at each other.

I remember three parts of my Orientation experience quite vividly. My packed lunch had a bug in it. Secondly, I dropped this guy during the infamous Trustfall. Finally, I saw this young woman whom I had to get to know better. I spotted her as a group of us men swung her above our heads. This bizarre scenario was also part of the Trustfall experience.

During Orientation, we spent as little time on campus as possible. What kind of message did this give us? Also, at this time we got to see Disney World in an hour, went to the movies, were entertained at Wall-Mart, and told to learn everybody's name or die.

Once all the upper classmen came back, things got weird and confusing. Here is an example. We discovered during Orientation that this a dry campus, which we learned means don't consume beer in public. Well anyway, this is a dry campus. And what are the first things we are given besides insomnia? Bottle openers and beer cushies.

After my first two weeks, the disorientation subsided and I began to feel at home and learned many interesting things. Most of these learning experiences took place outside class and should be published somewhere for future Freshmen. Here is a list of the five most important:

1a) When selecting your classes, try to arrange your schedule so that the most tedious fall on MWF. This way, you only have to be in that class for fifty minutes at a time.

1b) Take a lesson from the upper classmen and try not to take any classes before 11:00AM.

2) Unless you are partial to rice, avoid the cafeteria on weekends. Just order a pizza. There are many fine establishments in the area that deliver in just under three hours.

3) Other than on a few rare occasions, Mass is not held in the church.

4) The Finance and Accounting office is not actually a place to pay your tuition bills. It is actually a scheme that the College has developed to annoy you so much that you give them more money.

5) If you can't find anything on campus, don't worry! Odds are it will be moved by the time you figure out where it is anyway.

I hope this list can be of help to future Freshmen classes, and may be of some help to other students already on campus.

During my first year at Saint Leo I had the opportunity to witness many extraordinary events that occur on a college campus. The most memorable of these was the switch from Pepsi to Coke.

Before Coke installed their machines on Campus, you needed quarters for just about everything. As many of you may know, quarters are not easy commodities to get a hold of on this campus. They cannot even be scrounged up to fill the change machines on a regular basis. But with the help of the great people at Coke, whose vending machines take dollars and give quarters back in change, I am now able to do laundry. All I have to do is buy fourteen bottles of soda.

Of course, I'm just joking. My first year here has been a great experience and I wouldn't trade it for anything, except for maybe a car. I am greatly looking forward to the final 3/4ths of my college education. Oh yes, in case you were wondering, that girl whom we threw around during Orientation and I just celebrated our six-month anniversary.

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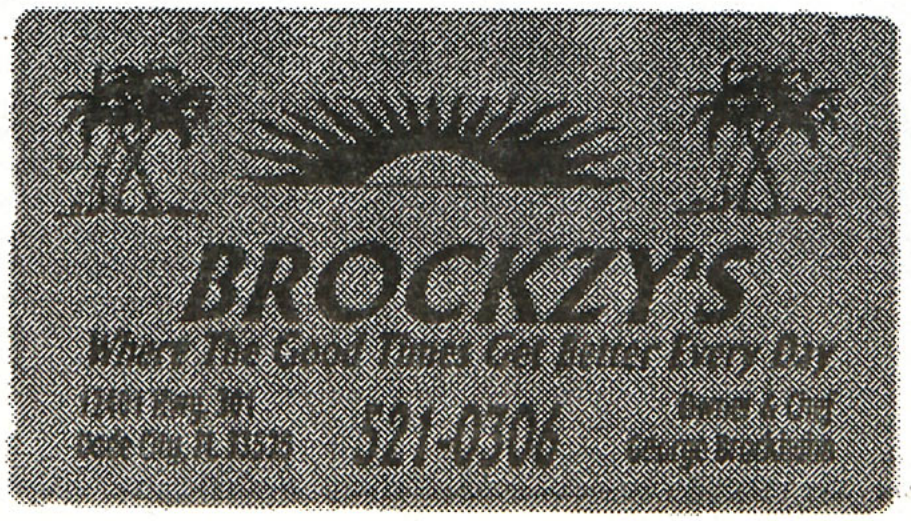

Florida Future Educators sponsor events

The primary goal of the Saint Leo College chapter of Florida Future Educators of America is to provide students who have career goals in education with an opportunity to broaden their knowledge of educational trends or ideas, program innovations and literature in a less formal setting than the classroom. In an effort to meet this goal, the Saint Leo Chapter has sponsored two guest speakers this semester.

On February 23, Charla Bauer spoke to the members about story-telling. Ms. Bauer is head of the Writing Center at Saint Leo College and facilitates the CLAST test. She is a professional story-teller, performing in many schools in Citrus County. Ms. Bauer's education is in the field of advertising. She credits her talent to her ability to capture the audience. Charla Bauer spoke to a small group of education majors to help them become great story-tellers. She shared the tales of *That Terrible Halloween Night* and *Dragon Stew*.

On Friday, March 22, Karen Phillips shared her experiences with art in the elementary school. Ms. Phillips shared children's illustrations and related their artwork to their cognitive development.

The Florida Future Educators of America Postsecondary Association held their 1996 state conference March 7 through March 9 in Tampa, Florida. Three Saint Leo students attended the conference, *Magic in the Classroom: Creative Teaching to Improve Learning*. The event was sponsored by the Office of Teacher Recruitment and Retention, the Division of Human Resource Development, and the Florida Department of Education. Jamie Gonzalez, Kim McLeod, and Kristen Hauser were able to attend the conference with funds provided by the Student Leadership Coalition.

Students were able to observe three informational sessions, along with several guest speakers. Presenters at the conference included several teachers who have received the Florida Teacher of the Year award. Topics included mainstraming, classroom management, and positive reinforcement.

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Student attends symposium in D.C.

by Mary Lou Blesedell

From March 15-17, 1996, I had the good fortune to attend the Twenty-Seventh Annual Student Symposium, sponsored by the Center For the Study of the Presidency, at the Hyatt Regency–Capitol Hill, in Washington, D.C. The topic for this year's discussion was "Congress, the Presidency and Issues "96." Registration fees and hotel accommodations were paid for by Saint Leo College.

The Center, which was founded by its Chairman and CEO, Dr. R. Gordon Hoxie, is designed to give the student a greater understanding of the Presidency, its relationship to other areas of government and to the world, both foreign and domestic. Extreme care is taken to present the issues in a non-partisan way. The Center also has the profound effect of introducing the student into the world of politics, and opening doors for career opportunities, not easily available elsewhere.

The process by which I was chosen as Saint Leo's representative began in February. Each year students of History, International Studies, Political Science, and Pre-Law, are given the opportunity to be interviewed by a panel of four professors: Drs. Horgan, McTague, Reynolds, and Rimanelli. Selection is based on overall academic record, career goals, and the ability to express yourself in the interview process. I found that it is this last quality which plays such an important role at the conference.

Upon arrival in D.C., I was immediately aware of the charismatic nature of our nation's capitol. Surrounded by the monuments, statues, museums, and memorials, together with the buildings which house all the governmental agencies, it is no wonder that a small town person, such as I, could be swept away by the aura of the city. But there was something else which captured me even more intensely, the people.

Not only was I exposed to high-ranking officials and eloquent speakers, but I realized, from the moment I walked into the hotel lobby, that I had gained entrance into a very elite sector of our country's student body. In attendance were aspiring academicians, lawyers, and of course, politicians. They were intelligent and articulate, and exuded a sense of pride which was infectious.

As was pointed out by numerous speakers over the course of the weekend, the students in attendance "are the cream of the crop." This sounds extremely egotistical, however, what is of importance is that this perception affected the way in which they responded to us. There was no hedging. Issues were discussed with complete candor, and during the Q & A periods, the students bluntly put them on the spot.

An example of this occurred the first morning at the State Department. The speaker was James Holmes, and he carefully laid out the plans for political and economic restructuring in Bosnia, to be handled jointly by the United States and the U.N.

Two of our own professors spoke at the Conference. Dr. Marco Rimanelli discussed "United States Foreign and Security Policies in the Post Cold War Era" on Saturday morning, and Dr. Hudson Reynolds spoke on Sunday on the topic of "Presidential and Congressional Leadership." I attended two other panels: "Considerations on Affirmative Action and Civil Rights," and "Education, Health and Human Services, and Welfare." I felt these topics were of particular importance to my goal to work with, and for, the Native American community, and because of my interest, I was able to ask questions at each.

A third aspect of the Conference, was to open doors for students to career opportunities. On Saturday afternoon, there were representatives accepting applications for internships at such places as the White House, the State Department, and for the Democratic and/or Republican Conventions. Also in attendance was David C. Brown, Dean of American University, and Dr. Eugene J. Alpert, Vice President for Academic Affairs at the Washington Center.

Samaras' poem published

by Mark Kane

Dr. Nicholas Samaras, Assistant Professor of English, recently had one of his poems published in the April 1st edition of The New Republic, a large national publication. The poem, "The Prostration of Memory, "is one of many published works by Dr. Samaras. His work has also appeared in The New Yorker. Both publications can be found in the Cannon Memorial Library.

"The Prostration of Memory" -Courtesy of The New Republic

Small in the big chair, I looked up from my comic book,
suddenly aware of being alone. A boy will look
for Papa when the parlour and thin hallway loom
out of sight. Qui-quiet. how are these new rooms
so cavernous? It was Maywood. We lived here.
The mantle clock began ticking loud, and seared.
I could feel the tocking tocking loud on top of me.
Swallow. Singed by late-night air, the book fell free
from my hand. My stocking feet felt, felt down.
for the hardwood floor to be there, be the ground.
Skinny as they spindled, eleven numbers of my age,
I slipped off my father's chair, over the coloured pages
fallen to the floor, edging my back on the dark hall-
way's wall to seek the ravel of gold light shawled
around my father's bedroom threshold, the door half-
open, more closed. I could glimpse the horizontal calves
of his legs. I peeked in and saw him fully there-
on his knees at the foot of the bed, in prayer.
The icon above. His ashen mane bowed to his large hands.
I remember being struck still. Dark and light in bands.
I couldn't move. The wide terror. I was terrified.
My father, mortal. I, mortal. What would never hide
again. Embarrassed, I felt the tongue in my mouth.
I crept back to a different chair, A different house,
a changed hero flying above the cities in the comic book
art.
Whatever grew small or immense in my heart,
I first saw something larger than the world of us
on a humbled, Sunday night, in sudden fear and trust,
surprising my father on his knees in murmured prayer,
his cupped palms cradling the silver of his full hair.

Circle K receives recognition

Saint Leo Circle K members attended a district conference on March 22-24. Twenty-five clubs from the Southeast attended. Saint Leo attendees included Shalee Lindey, Rob Jones, Michael Iafrato, Dan Frenden, Angie Aller, Mariella Betancourt, Agatha Garbini, Megan Moan, Shannon Lippy, Jason Yager, and Jim Gaglio. The Saint Leo chapter received several awards including the Total Club Achievement Award. The President, Rob Jones, received honorable mention for his work. The club received second place recognition for most improved organization and third place for service at Boys Village. The treasurer reaceived a first place award.

Sport Management seminars

Len Balducci, Saint Leo adjunct professor, received a series of guest lecturers to speak with the Sport Management majors. They presented informative presentations about some of the career options for graduates with a Sport Management B.A. From Richard Bass, Director of Cooper Sports Wellness Program at Saddlebrook, to Steve Dumig, "Voice" of the Tampa Bay Lightning, these seminars offered "a good cross-section of the world of Sport Management," said Balducci.

Of the thirteen speakers over the course of the semester, none of them were athletes, said Balducci. They are all "solid professionals in the field."

Balducci hopes to offer more opportunities to hear speakers next semester.

Saint Leo undergraduates speak at history convention

by Gerard Stone

At the end of last month, on the 29th and 30th, two Saint Leo undergraduates presented their senior theses to the 1996 Annual Florida Conference of Historians in Ft. Lauderdale. Genet Cissell- Pally and Fred Ramlow were to represent Saint Leo, and Dr. Jack McTague was Saint Leo's delegate at the doctorate level.

All three authors presented their works to the Conference, which consisted of Florida, and out-of-state scholars, but Pally and Ramlow were the only undergrads who presented papers. They join an elite group of students who have been allowed into the tight professional circle, formerly accessible only to doctoral sages.

It was not until last year's Conference, that students were allowed the privilege of speaking to this distinguished body, and then, only two were chosen. *MONARCH* readers will be excited to learn that the '95 students permitted in, also came from Saint Leo's History and Political Science Departments. Nicole Bond and Kip Kelly were the ground-breakers for Pally and Ramlow.

Dr. James Horgan, Chair of SLC's History Department, was very emphatic about the magnitude of undergraduates giving lectures at a scholarly organization. He said that this was a "tremendous honor for Saint Leo to have two students selected to present papers at a professional convention of historians." This is to say nothing about accomplishing it two years in a row.

Of the 1996 participants, Genet was the first, presenting her work; *The Dynamic Leadership of Indira Gandhi and Eleanor Roosevelt*, on Friday the 29th. As the title suggests, her essay addressed the superior direction of these very influential 20th century women.

Fred did not present till the meeting's second day, but was just as successful. He centered more on World War II history, or more specifically; *Nuremberg and the Naval Trial*. When asked how he felt about the Conference, Fred remarked, "It's a great opportunity to be recognized as a beginning historian."

The selection process began back in September, about seven months prior to the convention. Both students were enrolled in HTY 499, the History Department's senior seminar course, and spent at least 4 months preparing. At the end of the Fall semester, all of the students in the class had to present their particular topic to the rest of the class.

In this course, though, a student's presentation was her first step towards serious, scholarly work, or graduate studies. Each student was then evaluated by Dr. Horgan, who in turn, made recommendations to the Conference.

After Dr. Hogan's recommendations, Genet and Fred prepared a short synopsis of their papers, to accompany the Conference's application. Then, when the Conference saw the savantly research of the essays, they invited both to speak at their annual meeting.

It is difficult for many of us to appreciate the importance of such recognition by a professional organization, as we are not yet among the professionals. But once we graduate and become part of the aforementioned body, we will have "paid our dues" and only then could appreciate Genet's and Fred's accomplishments. Congratulations and well done!

For Your Information

The Nightly Grind, Saint Leo's newly operational coffehouse, has three computers available to students. They offer access to the Internet as well as Wordperfect. The coffeehouse is open from 10a.m. to 2a.m., and the computers are available during these hours.

Saint Leo says, "Goodbye, Dr. Fuchs."

by Terrence Dowdel

As the end of the 1995-96 school approaches, Saint Leo prepares to say goodbye to Dr. Lucy Fuchs. Dr. Fuchs has been teaching education courses at Saint Leo since 1980. She left teaching here 2 years ago to volunteer to work in a small village in Chapantongo, Mexico with an organization called Volunteers in Mission. Volunteers in Mission accepts 9 volunteers a year. They require a 2 year minimum obligation, and they provide room, board, and a small stipend. While at this Catholic mission, Dr. Fuchs lived among the people. She also planted corn, taught English classes, and tried to help with problems, such as education, poor health care, contaminated water, and the lack of bathrooms.

Education was free, but without shoes or a uniform, children weren't allowed to attend school. Health care was poor due to the lack of education, and the fact that most people couldn't afford it. Dr. Fuchs talked about women waking up at 3 a.m. just to travel to get water. There weren't any bathrooms due to the lack of running water; therefore, villagers used nature (which wasn't very sanitary). One way the volunteers helped was to build a roof for the temple. The women sold food and clothes (that were donated) at the fiestas in town. This gave them a sense of accomplishment, and it taught them team work. Dr. Fuchs said that they never forced the people into anything; they merely showed the villagers how to do things independently, especially with bible discussions. She says "I never taught the lessons...I just listened, because I knew that we would be leaving and the people needed to do it for themselves."

Dr. Fuchs always knew that she wanted to help people and volunteering just felt like the right thing to do. She is not retiring from Saint Leo College because of her age; she is retiring because of her warm, caring heart. I asked Dr. Fuchs what she learned from her experience and she replied, " I learned a whole new way of life, to live a lot more simple and how to be humble." Through giving and caring, Dr. Fuchs found happiness and peace.

I think that she has taught us about humility. We can all follow her example to do something kind, to learn not to take things for granted, and to learn to listen to different views. **Goodbye Dr. Fuchs--Sain Leo will truly miss you!**

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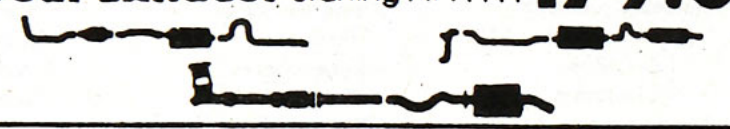

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Monarchs take 3rd straight SCC series

by Gerard Stone

The pine pounding Monarchs stayed in the hunt for their first Sunshine State Conference title by taking two of three from Eckerd College last week. The team is currently 7-2 in the Conference, a game behind Florida Southern, and is ranked 3rd in the nation by the latest Division II poll.

Saint Leo has never won an SSC title in any sport, and if they did, they would join two other SSC clubs to play in the NCAA regional championship, slated for Plant City on May 17-19.

Chris Tompson hooked up in a real pitcher's duel with Eckerd's Ed Russo in the series opener against the Tritons. The Monarchs pushed a run across in the second inning on a Taylor Harris RBI single, while Tompson mowed down batters until the eighth when Eckerd broke through for a run.

The teams went to the 10th inning tied at one when Saint Leo used a little luck and a clutch hit to take the lead. We had a runner at first with one out when Matt Gifford popped a fly ball into left for an apparent second out, however the Eckerd player slipped and the ball fell in.

After Jose Santos grounded out, Don Whitehead was walked to load up the bags. Dave Clanton then came to the plate and ripped a smoking line drive to left field and drove in the winning run.

Our Monarchs are now hitting a league-leading .339, and Matt Gifford continues to lead the team, and the SSC in hitting at .464. On defense the boys are just as deadly. As a staff, the Monarchs are holding opponents to a .299 average and have a team ERA of 3.79, recording 11 complete games to go along with 12 saves.

Lady Monarchs hold on to .500

by Gerard Stone

Our softball team continued to hover around .500 with another week of split wins. The Lady Monarchs started with a sweep of Webber College, here at home, only to split with Greenville College the next day, and then dropped both games against Barry, bringing their record to 15-15 overall, and 6-8 in the SSC.

At each meeting the teams play double-headers; two games against Webber, two against Barry, etc. In the match with Webber, who they split with a week earlier, Saint Leo won by scores of 14-6 and 10-2.

In game one, Crystal Dobbs went 4-5 with a home run and Erika "Geronimo" Germano went 3-4 with another hommer, to lead the 17-hit attack. Missy Chapman allowed Webber just six hits. Missy also pitched the second win, as starting pitcher Shawn Abbott went out with an injury.

The club is hitting .290 as a team, up 31 points from last week. Sheron "Boomer" Smith had a big week, going 13 for 21 at bats. She had 2 home runs, 4 doubles, with 10 RBI's and 8 runs scored. Smith now leads the team in hitting with a .392 batting average, while Kelly Bowe is hitting .345, Crystal Dobbs is .341, and Marcia O'Gorman stands at .319.

Missy Chapman is leading the team in wins with 9, and an ERA of .257, followed by Shaw Abbott is 6-8, with a 2.60 ERA.

Men's tennis

by Gerard Stone

The men's tennis team improved its record to 9-11 on the year with a win over Florida Tech, 4-3, on April 2. Mark Falor, Shayne Horan, Josh Melton, and Mark DeMaio all won singles matches to seal the victory.

Falor and Horan are leading the team with 10 singles wins each this season, with Matt Stump coming in at 8 singles victories. Falor and Melton have teamed up in doubles for nine victories; Stump and Horan have 7 wins playing together; and DeMaio has paired up with Tony Skidmore for six wins.

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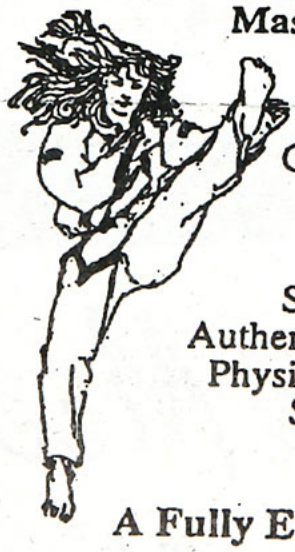

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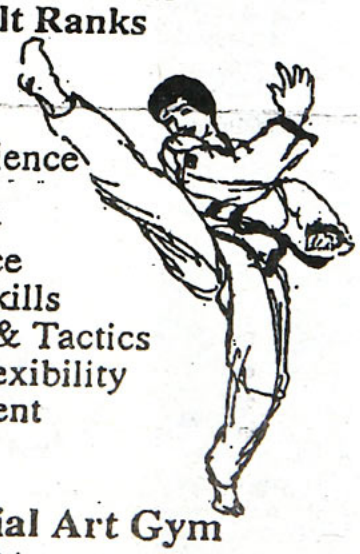

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